SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 471

By Finney L

A RESOLUTION to honor the retirement of Jim Turner of

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable Tennessean is Jim Turner of Yorkville, who served with probity for forty-one years as a professional pharmacist of the highest caliber in numerous communities across Tennessee, with the most recent thirty-one years spent as an owner and pharmacist of Kenton Drug; he entered into his well-deserved retirement on May 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of Eaton, Mr. Turner attended high school in Spring Hill before attending the University of Tennessee at Martin for his pre-pharmacy courses and the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in Memphis, from which he graduated in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turner worked as a pharmacist in many communities across West Tennessee, including Bells, Memphis, McKenzie, Alamo and Humboldt, before joining Hoyt Kemp and Bill Hester in Rutherford in 1972; he became a partner with them in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the lighter, fun-loving side of Mr. Turner is exemplified in his status as a founding member of the Yorkville International Washer Pitchin' Contest, an event that has provided seventeen years of merriment and has now become a very profitable annual fundraiser for the Yorkville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, not only is Jim Turner an upstanding citizen within his own community, he is also a concerned citizen of this world who possesses a depth of concern for those in need. With great benevolence, he has traveled to the country of Belize to do medical mission work

seventeen times since 1998 and is hopeful that he can continue these trips for years to come; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife, Barbara Zarecor Turner, their children, Jason Turner, Josh Turner and Amy Ary; and their grandchildren, Madelyn and Layla; and

WHEREAS, Jim Turner exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Jim Turner has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the good people of Gibson County and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mr. Jim Turner on his exceptional forty-one year career as a pharmacist, commend his meritorious service, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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